BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2008-21-E - ORDER NO. 2008-68

JANUARY 25, 2008

IN RE:	Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas)	ORDER GRANTING
	Company Requesting Accounting Order)	PURCHASE OF PEAKING
	Related to Purchase of Peaking Capacity and)	CAPACITY AND
	Associated Energy)	ASSOCIATED ENERGY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on a petition from the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or the "Company") to approve the purchase of a block of peaking capacity and associated energy for the summer of 2008. SCE&G states the current plan is to solicit offers for a 100 megawatt block of power for the months of June through September. In addition, the SCEG also requests a modest amount of flexibility to vary the number of megawatts purchased or the duration of the provision of purchased power if an offer brings additional value to the Company and its customers.

In its petition, the solicitation procedure described by SCE&G is consistent with the broad Request for Proposal ("RFP") guidelines that the Commission set forth in Order No. 2007-626 (dated September 13, 2007). Since the guidelines of Order No. 2007-626 are broad, SCE&G's current proposed acquisition is exempted from them, pending the establishment of specific RFP requirements through the workshop currently established for March 13, 2008. However, especially in light of the limited amount of notice given to the Commission and the short time frame in which the Company has

requested consideration of this waiver and approval, we grant this exemption without

precedential value only and hold that it shall not prejudice any parties' rights regarding

the upcoming workshop. Additionally, in keeping with the spirit of Order No. 2007-626,

the Company is to provide updates to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

("ORS") at each stage of the acquisition process. At the conclusion of the transaction,

and at earlier steps in the process if deemed appropriate, SCE&G and ORS shall report

the progress and results of the solicitation and award process to the Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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